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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DIRECT OPTICAL AMPLIFIER  
CORRELATING AVERAGE LEVEL OF  
MAIN SIGNAL WITH LEVEL OF PILOT  
TONE SIGNAL

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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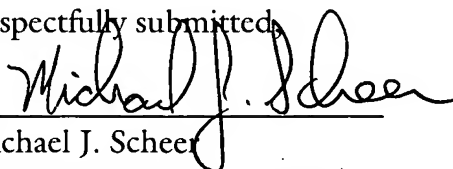
Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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